

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 15, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1           Page 4, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2           "SECTION 3. IC 3-11-4-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 3           FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. ~~(a)~~ Except as
- 4           provided in ~~subsection (b)~~ and section 6 of this chapter, an application
- 5           for an absentee ballot must be received by the circuit court clerk (or, in
- 6           a county subject to IC 3-6-5.2, the director of the board of elections and
- 7           registration) not earlier than ninety (90) days before election day nor
- 8           later than the following:
- 9           (1) Noon on election day if the voter registers to vote under
- 10          IC 3-7-36-14.
- 11          (2) Noon on the day before election day if the voter completes the
- 12          application in the office of the circuit court clerk or is an absent
- 13          uniformed services voter or overseas voter who requests that the
- 14          ballot be transmitted by fax under section 6(h) of this chapter.
- 15          (3) Noon on the day before election day if:
- 16               (A) the application is a mailed or hand delivered application
- 17               from a confined voter or voter caring for a confined person;
- 18               and
- 19               (B) the applicant requests that the absentee ballots be delivered
- 20               to the applicant by an absentee voter board.
- 21          (4) Midnight on the eighth day before election day if the
- 22          application:

- 1 (A) is a mailed application; or  
 2 (B) was transmitted by fax;  
 3 from other voters.

4 (b) This subsection applies to an absentee ballot application from a  
 5 ~~confined voter or voter caring for a confined person that is sent by fax;~~  
 6 ~~mailed; or hand delivered to the circuit court clerk of a county having~~  
 7 ~~a consolidated city. An application subject to this subsection that is sent~~  
 8 ~~by fax or hand delivered must be received by the circuit court clerk not~~  
 9 ~~earlier than ninety (90) days before election day nor later than 10 p.m.~~  
 10 ~~on the fifth day before election day. An application subject to this~~  
 11 ~~subsection that is mailed must be received by the circuit court clerk not~~  
 12 ~~earlier than ninety (90) days before election day and not later than 10~~  
 13 ~~p.m. on the eighth day before election day."~~

14 Page 10 , between lines 24 and 25, begin a new line block indented  
 15 and insert:

16 **"(10) The voter is an address confidentiality program**  
 17 **participant (as defined in IC 5-26.5-1-6)."**

18 Page 16, line 12, after "member" insert ",".

19 Page 16, line 12, strike "of the".

20 Page 16, line 13, strike "commission, an employee".

21 Page 16, line 13, delete "or agent".

22 Page 16, line 13, strike "of the".

23 Page 16, line 13, delete "election".

24 Page 16, line 14, delete "division,".

25 Page 16, line 14, strike "or a member," and insert "**an**".

26 Page 16, line 14, before "agent" insert "**an**".

27 Page 16, line 34, after "member" insert "**or an employee**".

28 Page 16, line 34, after "board" insert "**(acting under the authority**  
 29 **of the board and state law)**".

30 Page 16, line 35, after "board" insert "**member**".

31 Page 16, line 37, delete "or".

32 Page 16, line 37, after "of" insert ":

33 **(i)**".

34 Page 16, line 38, delete "Service," and insert "**Service; or**

35 **(ii) a bonded courier company;**

36 **(acting in the individual's capacity as an employee of the**  
 37 **United States Postal Service or a bonded courier**  
 38 **company)".**

39 Page 17, line 16, after "member" insert "**or an employee**".

40 Page 17, line 16, after "board" insert "**(acting under the authority**  
 41 **of the board and in accordance with state law)**".

42 Page 17, line 17, after "board" insert "**member**".

- 1 Page 17, line 19, delete "or".
- 2 Page 17, line 20, after "of" insert "**:**
- 3 **(i)**".
- 4 Page 17, line 20, delete "Service," and insert "**Service; or**
- 5 **(ii) a bonded courier company;**
- 6 **(acting in the individual's capacity as an employee of the**
- 7 **United States Postal Service or a bonded courier**
- 8 **company)".**
- 9 Page 17, line 26, delete "printer or the election division," and insert
- 10 **"printer,".**
- 11 Page 17, line 29, delete "member." and insert "**member or**
- 12 **employee (acting under the authority of the board and in**
- 13 **accordance with state law.)".**
- 14 Page 17, line 31, after "of" insert "**:**
- 15 **(i)**".
- 16 Page 17, line 31, after "Service" insert "**; or**
- 17 **(ii) a bonded courier company;**
- 18 **(acting in the individual's capacity as an employee of the**
- 19 **United States Postal Service or a bonded courier**
- 20 **company)".**
- 21 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to SB 15 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass .**

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2.

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**Senator Lawson C, Chairperson**